campaigns, exchange of tea delegations between India and tea importing countries etc. The additional steps taken specifically for Russia include launching of a major media campaign in October 2002 in Russia with a revamped 'India Tea' logo, formulation of a voluntary scheme on quality assurance towards export of tea to Russia providing incentives for production of orthodox tea since the market trends have shifted from CTC (Cut-tear-curl) to orthodox tea in Russia etc.

Decline in Export of Tea

1081. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of tea from the country during the year 2002 fell by 6 percent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the impact of this decline on the tea producing areas along with the details of loss in terms of foreign exchange earnings; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (d)The export of tea during 2002 has increased by 10.44 million kgs. over 2001, representing an increase of 5.72%. However, due to a lower unit export price realization, the value of tea exports has declined thereby leading to a decline in foreign exchange earnings. The export of tea in quantity and value terms during the last two years is given below:

Year	Quantity (Million kgs.)	Value (Rs. Crores)
2001	182.59	1682.11
2002'	193.03	1633.48

*Estimated & subject to revision.

In order to boost exports of tea, Tea Board is implementing a medium term export strategy formulated through a private consultancy firm.

Schemes are being implemented to improve the quantity of tea produced in the country and financial assistance is being provided to exporters towards meeting the handling, packaging, transport/freight charges. Financial assistance is also being provided for factory upgradation for manufacture of orthodox and non-reconditioned teas, which have a greater demand in the world market. In addition. Tea Board Is also conducting promotional activities like participation in international fairs and exhibitions, media publicity, organizing buyer-seller meets etc. in the major tea importing countries and lending prorrKttional support to Indian tea exporters in their marketing efforts.

FDI Inflow

1082. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI CO. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total FDI received in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the comparative data of the same with China during the said period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the contribution of NRIs in the FDI inflow is much below In comparison with their Chinese counterparts;

(d) if so, the percentage of investments into their respective Natk)ns of origin by both the Chinese and Indian diasporas during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain the reasons for the reluctance of NRIs investment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Comparative data about FDI inflow in the last three years in respect of India and China, as reported in UNCTAD's World Investment Report, 2002 (WIR02), are as below: